

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Presently Amended) An electrochemical cell, ~~such as comprising an SOFC cell, including a nickel based electrode structure, such as for instance in form of an~~ Ni/YSZ electrode, to which Mn has been added, ~~characterized in that wherein the added amount of Mn of the part a portion of the electrode extending less than 20 um from the electrolyte represents comprises~~ 0.5 to 5 metal atom% Mn, ~~preferably 1 to 4 metal atom%, in particular 2 to 3 metal atom%.~~
 2. (Presently amended) An electrochemical cell ~~as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that the added amount of Mn of the part comprising an~~ SOFC cell including an Ni/YSZ electrode to which Mn has been added, wherein a portion of the electrode ~~preferably~~ spaced more than 20 um from the electrolyte ~~represents comprises~~ 0.5 to 5 metal atom% Mn, ~~preferably 1 to 6 metal atom%, in particular 4 to 5 metal atom%.~~
 3. (Cancelled)
 4. (New) The electrochemical cell of claim 1, wherein the portion of the electrode comprises 1 to 4 metal atom % Mn.
 5. (New) The electrochemical cell of claim 4, wherein the portion of the electrode comprises 2 to 3 metal atom % Mn.
 6. (New) The electrochemical cell of claim 2, wherein the portion of the electrode comprises 1 to 6 metal atom % Mn.
 7. (New) The electrochemical cell of claim 6, wherein the portion of the electrode comprises 4 to 5 metal atom % Mn.